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(*h*) This is included under maintenance charges which are also given in the same statement.

(*i*) & (*j*) The Government have not the information.

(*k*) & (*l*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1607 delivered on 20th March 1930.

(*m*) The Government have received no practicable offer of private enterprise.

## Irrigation

*Pumping of water for irrigation from wells near Kattangal spring.*

* 1704 Q.—Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in 1927 the officers of the Corporation of Madras went to inspect the Kattangal perennial spring which is the chief tributary to the Red Hills upper supply channel ;

(*b*) whether they were satisfied that the said spring if properly preserved could supply ten million gallons of water every day to the City of Madras ;

(*c*) whether after the said inspection some of the ryots of the Vishnuvakkam, Velapakkam and Kilanur villages have dug new wells adjacent to the Kattangal tributary and to the Cortaliar river and put up oil engines and are pumping out and selling water to the adjoining villages at Rs. 40 per acre per crop ;

(*d*) whether a large extent of dry lands has thus been cultivated with wet crop ;

(*e*) whether the Collector of Chingleput and the Executive Engineer, Chingleput division, inspected the said locality in September and October 1929 and ordered that the pumping should be forthwith discontinued ;

(*f*) whether the water thus pumped out was taken through Government poramboke channels without Government permission ; and

(*g*) if the answer to (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) be in the affirmative, what steps have been taken by the Government to put an end to these irregularities ?

*A.*—(*a*) *to* (*g*) The Government have no information, but have called for a report.

Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member whether he will be pleased to lay the report on the table of the House when it is received ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I will consider the suggestion."

*Investigation of the Kiripatti Reservoir scheme.*

* 1705 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the investigation of the Kiripatti Reservoir scheme in the district of Salem has been completed, and whether a report of the same will be placed on the table of the House ;

(*b*) whether plans and estimates have been called for and received by the Government with reference to the said scheme ;

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(c) if so, whether the scheme has been sanctioned by the Government and whether a copy of the orders will be placed on the table of the House; and

(d) what is the ultimate cost of the scheme, and what is the extra area contemplated to be irrigated by this scheme?

A.—(a) Yes. The question of placing the report on the table will be considered when it is received by the Government.

(b), (c) & (d) The plans and estimates have not yet been received.

*Alleged leakage in the Periyar dam.*

* 1706 Q.—Mr. K. P. V. S. Muhammad Meera Ravuttar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a leakage in the Periyar dam, Madura district;

(b) whether Public Works Department is sending the specimens of water that is oozing out for expert chemical analysis; and

(c) if the Government have no information, whether they will call for the Chief Engineer's report and place it on the Council table?

A.—(a) Yes; an estimate amounting to Rs. 85,000 was approved in June 1929 for grouting to stop leakage.

(b) Yes.

(c) There has been no report from the Chief Engineer. The object of the analysis is to discover whether lime is being washed out of the dam in the process of leakage.

*Report on the Tungabhadra project.*

* 1707 Q.—Mr. P. Siva Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the 'preliminary' report of the Engineer for the investigation of the Tungabhadra project has been received;

(b) what orders, if any, have been passed thereon; and

(c) whether he proposes to place the report with the orders thereon on the table of the House?

A.—(a) Yes, very recently.

(b) None.

(c) The suggestion will be considered in due course.

## Land Revenue

*Levy of water-rate on lands under the Periyar system.*

* 1708 Q.—Mr. K. P. V. S. Muhammad Meera Ravuttar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the total water-rate collected by Government in each taluk of the Periyar system for faslis 1330 to 1338 (annually); and

(b) the extent of double-crop and wet cultivation on dry lands in each taluk separately?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have not the information.